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Application of: James P. Hearn

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and § 1.97(h), enclosed is a Form PTO-1449, which lists 5 references in reverse chronological order. Applicant hereby invites the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

These references were cited in the international search report of a related PCT application that was mailed to Applicants on July 9, 2002. A copy of the search report is also enclosed. It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the Form PTO-1449.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission, since it is being submitted before a first Office action on the merits in the above-identified application. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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